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SUBJ: MEETING WITH UK PERMREP RICHARD, MARCH 11, ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. AT UK PERMREP RICHARD'S REQUEST, AMB BENNETT MET WITH HIM AT USUN, AFTERNOON MARCH 11. RICHARD HAD COME TO DISCUSS UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL CALENDAR AND, SPECIFICALLY, SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

2. RICHARD BEGAN BY COMMENTING NEGATIVELY ON TONE OF MOZAMBIQUE REQUEST FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 16 (SEPTTEL). RATHER THAN DEWLLING ON QUESTION OF SANCTIONS OFFSET, MOZAMBIQUE HAD FOCUSSED ON RHODESIAN "AGGRESSION." RICHARD HAS SPOKEN WITH TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE SALIM ENCOURAGE MOZAMBICANS TO RESTRICT DEBATE
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TO QUESTION OF OFFSET. OTHERWISE, RICHARD REASONS,

CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES COULD ARISE FOR POTENTIAL DONORS WHO MIGHT FEAR THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MOZAMBIQUE WOULD GO TO SUPPORTING GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES AGAINST RHODESIA AND, FURTHER, MIGHT FALL INTO CUBAN HANDS.

3. RICHARD THEN RECOUNTED HIS TWO MEETINGS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PERMREP BOTHA (USUN 921 AND USUN 877) (BOTH NOTAL).

RICHARD SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD BOTHA NOT TO COUNT ON UK VETOING AN SC RESOLUTION CONDEMNING PRETORIA. RICHARD WENT AS FAR AS TO TELL AMB BENNETT THAT UK MIGHT VOTE IN FAVOR OF A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA ALONE. (IT IS CONCEIVABLE, IN BRITISH VIEW, THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION ALSO COULD INCLUDE A PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WHICH WOULD CONDEMN ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION.)

4. RICHARD ADDED THAT BOTHA HAD TOLD HIM THAT SOUTH AFRICA SEEKS SOME SORT OF ASSURANCES ON CUNENE DAM PROJECT, AND IS QUITE WILLING TO WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA SHOULD SUCH GUARANTEES BE GIVEN AND THE RETREAT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT SOUTH AFRICA LOSING FACE DOMESTICALLY. BOTHA ASKED FOR RICHARD'S ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH MPLA, WHICH EFFORTS RICHARD UNDERTOOK, WITH NO SUCCESS THUS FAR, WITH TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM. BRITISH HAVE SUGGESTED TO BOTHA THAT HE ALSO PURSUE CONTACTS THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE GOVT.

5. RICHARD BELIEVES THAT OAU AFRICANS ARE RESIGNED TO HAVING AN SC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN ROLE IN ANGOLA LATER THIS MONTH. HE DOES SEE, HOWEVER, A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT THE MARCH SCHEDULING OF AN SC DEBATE ON TIMOR COULD DELAY ANGOLA DISCUSSION. RICHARD BELIEVES THAT ENCOURAGEMENT OF PORTUGUESE AND CHINESE MIGHT HELP IN MOVING TIMOR ONTO SCHEDULE, THEREBY, DELAYING ANGOLAN DISCUSSION.

6. FYI: RICHARD DID NOT MENTION WHAT UK MISSION OFFICER HAD DESCRIBED TO US MARCH 10 AS BOTHA'S APPEAL TO RICHARD THAT NATO ISSUE CALL FOR SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA -- A REQUEST WHICH, IN BOTHA'S VIEW, WOULD BE HEHEDED AND ENABLE SAG TO SAVE FACE AT HOME. END FYI.

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